



# Newsletter—Week 27

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I would like to take this opportunity, once again, to thank you all for your support during the closures due to teacher strikes over the last few months. The decisions the Gayton staff have made have not been easy ones but I know they are pleased to have had their voices heard. Whilst strikes are always intended to be disruptive, I am grateful to them that they have allowed me to give you as much notice as possible of their intentions so that you have been able to make alternative arrangements. **I sent a letter out to parents this week confirming that there will be one more planned day of closure on Tuesday 2nd May.** Our current understanding is that unions intend to take further strike action, likely to be three days, towards the end of the summer term and we will keep you informed of these.

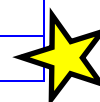
Messages went out this afternoon to confirm places in school on Tuesday 2nd May for children who qualify for this provision. If you did not request a place before the deadline so that we could complete our risk assessment, but require child care, please email [head@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk](mailto:head@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk) over the weekend as we need to be sure we can open for this group of children safely on Tuesday.

Please be aware that next Thursday, 4th May, the Community Centre will be used as a Polling Station. To allow disabled access throughout the day, the car park gates will remain open, with extra staff on duty at the beginning and end of the day to ensure the children can come into school and leave safely. Please be aware of this if you are dropping your child off and allowing them to walk into school alone, particularly if they are late for school—they should use the pedestrian gate to ensure they access the site safely.

**Class Attendances—Week beginning 24th April 2023—Average attendance 91.5%**  
Attendance has risen a little this week. We continue to aim for an overall attendance of 96.4% for the academic year. **Please remember that I am still *unable* to authorise any term-time leave of absence requests and, in the majority of cases, these will incur fines.** These requests should be made in advance and not retrospectively please.

Class 1	97.6%
Class 2	97.6%
Class 3	96.7%
Class 4	96.4%
Class 5	97.5%
Class 6	95%

Class 7	96.5%
Class 8	93.4%
Class 9	95.5%
Class 10	97.5%
Class 11	94.4%
Class 12	98.4%



Best wishes, *MRS J Hill*

## School Dinners

Next week, we will be on Week 3's dinner menu. Dinners are £2.20 per day and children can switch between dinners and sandwiches from home daily if they wish.



<https://gaytonj.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/Week-3-Menu-Spring-Summer-2023.pdf>

### Derbyshire Police—Cyber Awareness

Next month, on Thursday 11th May, Derbyshire Police will be hosting an online webinar to help you use the internet and email more safely.

This is a non tech awareness session to warn the public of cybercrime, fraud and scams - and how you can better protect yourself and your family online.

This session is of benefit to anyone who uses the internet and email.

The session will cover :

- Device safety/protection
- Password Guidance and account security
- Protecting your Personal Information
- Data breaches
- Using social media safely
- Social Engineering and phishing emails/texts
- Online shopping & Online Banking safely
- Signposting to further sources of support and resources
- Where to report



These events are free of charge, but you are required to book a ticket via Eventbrite to reserve your place and be provided with the link to the online meeting.

[Cybercrime \(online safety\) Fraud and Scams Awareness Webinar Tickets, Thu 11 May 2023 at 18:30 | Eventbrite](#)

If you prefer not to click on links, run a web search for Eventbrite Derbyshire Police Cyber Crime Unit.

### Movie Night

At the request of the School Council, on Thursday 4th May we are showing Puss In Boots: The Last Wish on the big screen in the hall after school. Tickets for the screening are only £2 and available from the hall each morning before school. Children are allowed to bring a snack to eat while watching the film. All children must be collected by an adult after the film (5:10pm) unless sent with written permission that they can walk home.



### Water Bottles

PLEASE remember to send your child to school each day with a NAMED sports bottle so that they can keep hydrated. We hope that the weather will soon start to get warmer and it will become even more important to stay hydrated. Water bottles can be refilled in school in most classrooms at lunchtimes and most classrooms have monitors that do this. We do encourage children to take their bottles home each night for a wash to help prevent the spread of germs.

In the same vain, if we are hoping for sunnier weather, please also ensure that school jumpers, cardigans and coats are named in case they are left out on the field at playtime. Named items will always find their way back to their owners!

### Breakfast

Numbers have risen this week and we were pleased to be able to provide breakfast to 51 children over the course of the week of breakfast provision **for those who need it.**

**breakfast**  
fuel for learning

**DIARY DATES**

Tuesday 2nd May	All Day	School Closed for Strike Day
Thursday 4th May	All Day	Community Centre used for Polling Station
Thursday 4th May	3:10-3:30pm	Year 6 PGL Meeting for Parents/Carers
Thursday 4th May	3:30-5:10pm	Movie Night—Puss in Boots (Tickets £2 from the hall each morning—see message on Teams)
Monday 8th May	All Day	Additional Bank Holiday—School Closed to Children
Tuesday 9th—Tuesday 16th May	Mornings	Year 6 SATs Testing
Friday 12th—Sunday 14th May	All Weekend	Year 6 PGL Trip
Wednesday 17th May	9:30-11:00am	Inclusion Coffee Morning—Transition & Summer Support
Tuesday 23rd May	3:00-3:20PM	Year 4 Ukulele Concert for Parents—See letter
Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th May	All Day	Arts Days
Friday 26th May	PM	Break up for Half Term
Friday 26th May	All Day	Reward Day—Non Uniform for All Children
<b>MAY HALF TERM</b>		
Monday 5th June	AM	Back to School—Summer Term 2
Tuesday 6th June—new date	All Day	Year 6 Castleton Trip—Letter to follow
Friday 16th June	TBC	Y4 Derby Arena Halle Orchestra Event—Letter to follow
Tuesday 20th June—new date	All Day	Year 5 Seaside Trip—Letter to follow
Wednesday 28th June	9:30-11:00am	Inclusion Coffee Morning—Internet Safety & Mental Health
Monday 3rd July	All Day	Year 4 Yorkshire Wildlife Park Trip—Letter to follow
Tuesday 4th—Thursday 6th July	All Day	City-wide Transition Days
Thursday 13th July	9:15AM-12:15PM	Lower School Sports Day
Friday 14th July	9:15AM-12:15PM	Upper School Sports Day
Monday 17th July	All Day	Year 3 Adventure Farm Trip—Letter to follow
Friday 21st July	All Day	Reward Day—Non Uniform for All Children
Friday 21st July	PM	Break up for Summer Holiday
<b>2023-24 INSET DAYS</b>		
Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2023	All Day	INSETs 1 & 2
Monday 6th November 2023	All Day	INSET 3
Monday 8th January 2024	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 3rd June 2024	All Day	INSET 5

**Summer Diary**

You will note several trips planned for the summer term; please note these are only provisional at this stage and are dependent on being able to source buses and make bookings at destinations. Keep an eye out for letters home for more details!